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The Honorable Nicholas G. Garaufis
United States District Court
Eastern District of New York
225 Cadman Plaza East
Brooklyn, New York 11201

Re: United States v. Bryant Neal Vinas
Criminal Docket No. 08-823 (NGG) (S-1)

Dear Judge Garaufis:

The government writes at the Court's direction and in response to the defendant's April 13, 2017 application to convert the upcoming sentencing to a "CIPA conference." Having conferred with defense counsel to better understand the defendant's request and the "outstanding issue" referenced in the defense application, the government now understands that defense counsel seek a classified status conference at which they could ask the Court whether the Court wishes for the defense sentencing submission to address classified information that currently has been provided to the Court but not defense counsel. While the government has already worked diligently to provide the Court and the defense with extensive information to assist the Court in determining an appropriate sentence in this matter, the government obviously has no objection to

